

The Halyard

Charlie's Chatter

Welcome Back! It has been an exciting summer. I hope that each of you has had time to relax, to kick-back and are now ready to set sail with me for another wonderful year.

This summer I have had an opportunity to visit in the following counties Henry, King George, Lee, Shenandoah, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, Isle of Wight, and Stafford. It never ceases to amaze me that it regardless of the demographics of a school division, there are shared concerns about libraries across the state. Budgeting, resources, technology, scheduling, and the role of the librarian are in the forefront of everyone's mind.

I am so delighted at your response to the Linking Libraries project and your enthusiasm and excitement. I can't wait to hear how you implement some of the lessons, strategies, and how the tracker was used to share how the library worked as an instructional partner.

We had a great time this summer Turning Ugly Ducklings Into Swans. At the two day workshop held in July, 65 librarians representing 29 school divisions were provided with an information overload by our wonderful presenters, Marilyn Walls, Elaine Mar-
rion, Lori Donovan, and Liz Hannegan.



turning ugly duckling into swans
july 12 and 13
hanover high school, hanover, va

Audrey Church opened the session with a wonderful overview of our instructional roles and reviewed for us the taxonomies of school library programs. Each participant received a copy of David Loertcher's book, *Ban The Bird Units*. This book is a great tie in to the Linking Libraries project.

Please be sure to make sure that everyone in your division knows that these newsletters are available at the DOE web site, <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/chalyard.html>. A new issue is posted each week. Have a great year, and I hope to see you soon!



<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/library.shtml>



Virginia Department of Education

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Special September Events

MONTHS

- ADHD Month
- Children's Good Manners Month
- Library Card Sign-up Month
- National Little League Month

WEEKS

DATE

National Childhood Injury Prevention	1-7
National No Bully Week	12-16
Deaf Awareness Week	18-24
Banned Book Week	24-10/1

Special Days

date

Be Late for Something	5
International Eat an Apple Day	17
Elephant Appreciation Day	22
Family Day-eat dinner with your family	26

Linking Libraries Update

Be on the lookout for the new and improved lessons and activities files for the Linking Libraries project. Check out the revisions and additions such as the new computer technology standards of learning, the new URL for the department of education, and the addition of another field for identifying the 'essential' question. The corrupt file(s) were fixed along with hundreds of other formatting errors within the documents. The new files will be uploaded onto the DOE web site after Labor Day.

The tracker files are also under revision. The computer/technology standards will be added. A new column will be added following each stated SOL providing a way to track the type of support that has been provided. Enter a 'C' if the lesson was done collaboratively; 'R' if the lesson is being reinforced or a follow-up to something begun in the classroom, and a 'S' if you have provided supporting resources for the classroom teacher to use in the classroom.

Instructions for creating formulas will also be added on the web page.

It has been suggested that the scope and sequence file be updated with hyperlinks to the state technology plan and to the actual SOL that is referenced on the spreadsheet. That project will take some time but is under consideration. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

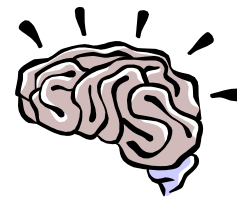
Don't forget to send me information on how you are implementing this project so that it can be reported at AASL!



Stafford County Librarians
focus on LLAA

Treasure Mountain

The work of Virginia's librarians is gaining national attention. We have been invited to present a session at the American Association of School Librarians national conference in October. Prior to the actual conference is the Treasure Mountain Retreat. Treasure Mountain is a gathering of researchers and practitioners to discuss the research and application of that research to school library media programs. The group meets most often in connection with the AASL national conference but also at other times. Only a limited number of participants may attend the sessions. I have been invited to share what we are doing in Virginia. I look forward to sharing our success story.



"The human brain is special. It starts working as soon as you get up and doesn't stop until you get to school." Milton Burle

Turning Ugly Ducklings Into Swans

What is Information Literacy????

What does it have to do with the Standards Of Learning?????

What is an Ugly Duckling????

How does it become a Swan?????

Information literacy is the ability to find and use information. Finding and using information is crucial to the academic success of today's student. The goal of a librarian is to develop active learners and effective users of informa-

tion. Achieving this goal will ensure the success of all students and raise academic achievement.

During this two-day workshop, participants were divided into four groups, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.



Working on transforming reports into research.

Ducklings and Swans con't.

The workshop goal was to produce activities that will enable students to use higher level thinking skills and information literacy skills to produce projects that demonstrate knowledge of the content area standards of learning.

Day 1

Session One

What is information literacy?

Session Two

What is the difference between reports and research?

Session Three

How do we help teachers make the transition between ducklings and swans?

Session Four

How does LLAA help you make your library program a "hatchery" of good ideas?

Day 2

Session One

Overview of the LLAA project

Session Two

Using the Information Literacy Scope and Sequence Guide and the Tracker

Session Three

Working in teams to transform reports into research

Session Four

Sharing of ideas and resources



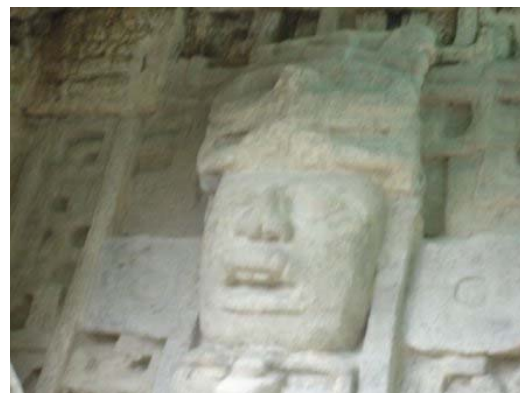
No longer ducklings, we are swans taking flight

History Came To Life

This past May, I traveled to Belize and while there took a trip a Mayan ruin. Lamanai is one of Belize's largest ceremonial centers. It is also one of the most important. The name "lamanai" comes from the word "submerged crocodile" in the Mayan language. Many representations of the crocodile can be found throughout this site.

In addition to the many Mayan structures in the park, Lamanai is also known for the remains of two 16th century Christian churches and a 19th century sugar mill including a huge flywheel and boiler. Due to the long occupation of the site by varied peoples, the artifacts of Lamanai include those of stone, clay, wood, bone, shell, jade, gold, copper, glass, iron and even liquid mercury.

The tour guide was a member of the Mayan culture. While there we walked through the rain forest and he explained the medicinal value of many of the plants and wildlife we encountered. Among the wildlife seen were the howler monkeys, a multitude of birds, parrots and the snake that crossed the path directly in front of my shoe!



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Educational Technology Leadership Conference

Technology: Unlocking the Potential

Watch for upcoming details for the annual Educational Technology Leadership Conference which will be held at the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center, December 5-7, 2005

For full details: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/OET/conf.shtml>



*We can not control the wind,
but we can adjust the sails.*



Floyd County librarians learn how to "Ban The Birds".